उपलब्धता, पारस्परिक प्राथमिकताओं तथा स्टाफ स्वीकृतियों पर निर्भर करता है।

Review of external services of air

1766. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any critical review of the external services of the AIR to know its performance in presenting to the global audience Government's viewpoint in national and international issues besides moulding world opinion of political propaganda by" Pakistan against India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which Govemment propose to strengthen the external services of the AIR?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CM. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Constant review of the broadcast of external services of All India Radio is being done to ensure that Government's stand on national and international issues are projected properly through news bulletins, commentaries and press reviews in order to mould world opinion and to counter the political propaganda by Pakistan against India.

(c) Several steps have been taken to strengthen the external services of All India Radio and these include commissioning of four additional shortwave transmitters of 500 kW each at Bangalore, two shortwave transmitters of 250 KW each at Panaji and setting up of seven shortwave transmitters in replacement of old transmitters at Delhi and Aligarh.

Proposal to enact Uniform Code of Court Fees Act

1767. SHRI R. MARGABANDU: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a)' whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to enact Uniform Code of Court Fees Act to all the States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. Amendment in section

159 of the RPA

1768. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Electoral Officers have sought changes in Section 159 of the Representation of the People Act so that the Commission can be empowered to deploy employees of the Banks, PSUs and the staff of the Central School for election duty;

(b) whether Government have got the matter examined; and

(c) if so, with what result?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The proposal to amend section 159 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 is included amongst the proposals on electoral Reforms which are being discussed by the Govemment with the political parties.